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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is authorizing the required fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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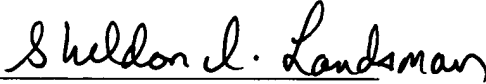
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication (Office Action) from the Japanese Patent Office in a related application citing such documents, together with an abridged English-language version of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese patent office.

In addition, English-language Patent Abstracts of Japan are submitted herewith for JP2000-276726, JP11-328646, JP01-220217, JP05-143988, JP62-082516, JP11-283235 and JP10-289437.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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